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REMARKS

The Examiner has required election which Applicant does herewith with traverse.

The Examiner has also required a species election in the elected group stating that:

The species are independent or distinct because claims 9-13 in regard to enteral administration, encompass a multiplicity of species (tablet, capsule, confection, sustained-release formulations thereof, etc.) In comparison, claims 11 and 12 contain elements interpretive to parenteral administration, i.e., powder formulation dosage unit admixed with liquid [for reconstitution], which requires a specie election distinct from the enteral species.

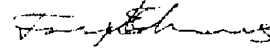
Applicant herewith elects with traverse the species claimed by the Examiner to exist within claims 9-13. However, it is submitted that the Preliminary Amendment renders the species election moot. The amendment introduces no new matter.

Applicant has amended claims 6 and 8 in order to eliminate the proposed species distinction made by the Examiner. (Moreover, original claim 20 appears to be a claim that further supports Applicant's amendment as there is no call for administration along a specific route.) New claims 30-33 call for enteral or parenteral administration.

It is also submitted that claims 11 and 12 is not limited as the Examiner would propose – it would be possible to mix with liquid – and not only for reconstitution as the Examiner has added – but for enteral administration as well.

Applicant further reserves all rights with regard to filing a divisional application to those claims and subject matter within Group I.

Respectfully submitted,



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